

HOUSE BILL 4014

By Armstrong

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 63
and Title 68, relative to health care.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-11-263(a), is amended by deleting the present language in its entirety and by substituting instead the following language:

(a) Each facility regulated under this chapter with an annual average daily census of at least twenty-five (25) inpatients based on the most recent JAR public data, where applicable, or any outpatient facility, shall join the centers for disease control's national nosocomial infection surveillance/national healthcare safety network (NNIS/NHSN) surveillance system within one hundred twenty (120) days of when it becomes open to the facility's type of license in order to unify reporting systems and to benchmark against a national standard. Facilities shall meet data reporting timeframes as required by NHSN and shall utilize standard methods, including healthcare acquired case-finding techniques, CDC infection definitions and other relevant terms, and NHSN software for data collection and reporting. Data submitted by the reporting facility shall be reported without any patient identifiers.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2008, the public welfare requiring it.